

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
4/12/15 – 4/25/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Mark Leadman observed one subject attempting to net fish on a closed trout stream. The subject was in a remote location in close proximity to a camp, and had no identification on his person. The CO followed the subject to a nearby camp and contact was made with two other subjects who were also returning to the camp with similar nets in their possession. Unaware of CO Leadman's presence, one subject asked another if he had any luck netting fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen instructed a hunter education class for the sixth graders in Ontonagon County. The class took place during a two day period with a field day scheduled for later this spring.

CO Brett DeLonge was working an ORV trail in northern Menominee County when multiple ORVs were observed traveling in his direction. As the ORVs passed, CO DeLonge observed an ORV in the middle of the group that was missing a valid ORV registration. The ORV failed to stop for CO DeLonge when signaled to do so. CO DeLonge was able to catch up with the ORV operator a short distance up the trail and found that the machine was not currently registered and both the driver and passenger had open intoxicants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge observed two ORVs operating with numerous violations. When the operators saw the CO they attempted to cross into a wooded area away from the direction of CO DeLonge. CO DeLonge was quickly able to corral the two operators and discovered both were juveniles. They stated they were headed to pick up their ORV permits when they saw the officer. After a discussion on ORV regulations, the operators returned back to their residence.

CO Dave Painter was working the turkey opener when he came across two hunters who were braving the winter-like conditions. It was quickly apparent that something was amiss when one subject stated they did not have any luck and the other stated they did. A short conversation revealed the hunters had shot two turkeys, but had left their tags in the vehicle. Both subjects possessed valid tags for the hunt area, and after gathering all the facts it was apparent it was an honest mistake related to the clothing choice for the cold weather.

CO Dave Painter worked a local trout lake for the opening morning of trout season. Fishing activity was slow, but two anglers did not have life jackets in their boat. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Robert Freeborn was dispatched to a wildfire near Manistique. Several fire departments, including DNR personnel, were on scene fighting a 20 acre fire that threatened 12 structures. After a brief investigation and interview of a potential suspect, CO Freeborn determined that the fire had started from an unattended burn barrel behind the suspect's house that did not have the required screen mesh on the chimney. The suspect was issued a ticket for allowing a fire to escape and will be held responsible for reimbursement of suppression costs from the fire departments. CO Freeborn later learned that the same residence three years earlier started a forest fire in the same manner.

CO Robert Freeborn was dispatched to a small wildfire that resulted in almost four acres being burned. After a brief interview with the landowner he admitted to burning a small pile of brush in his back yard. During the interview the suspect was very agitated that CO Freeborn was on his property and told him to leave. When CO Freeborn advised the suspect that he was not leaving and was going to be issuing him a ticket for allowing a fire to escape, he became even more agitated. The suspect told CO Freeborn that he had the fire under control the entire time. When CO Freeborn reminded the suspect that he was the one that called 911 asking for the fire department, the suspect grabbed his ticket and stormed into his house. Suppression costs will be requested.

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn participated in the annual Law Enforcement vs Manistique High School basketball game that raised money for the senior all night party. During the game, both COs were reminded why they never joined the NBA.

CO Jerrold Fitzgibbon attended Background Investigation training, Firearms Instructor training, & Legal Update training. He also assisted CO Kevin Postma with the "Ask the DNR" program in Marquette.

CO Jerrold Fitzgibbon, while working the trout opener, observed an angler on a type D trout lake. The CO watched the angler almost two hours and observed the subject using worms, keeping undersized fish, and smoking a marijuana pipe. He was also discarding his cigarette butts into the lake. Contact was made when the subject came to shore. He had also left his life jacket at home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Evink observed a vehicle parked near a trout stream prior to the trout opener, and waited for the subject to return to his vehicle. When the subject arrived he was carrying a spear and a spotlight. CO Evink contacted the subject, who stated he was unaware that he could not possess a spear on a trout stream. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Robert Crisp came across five anglers fishing a closed section of the Whitefish River in Trenary. CO Crisp watched the anglers for a short time and then made contact with them. A few of the anglers claimed that they were unaware that the river was

closed until the trout opener and others stated they were not fishing. CO Crisp explained to the anglers that he had been watching them for some time and that all five of them were actively fishing with their own individual poles. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violations and a verbal warning was given for operating in a closed area with a vehicle.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint of a fire that had gotten out of control and burned approximately 15 acres. The person had two leaf piles she was burning which she lost control of, the fire burned 10 acres of her property and five acres of her neighbor's property before it was extinguished by fire department personnel. Enforcement action was taken for allowing a fire to escape.

After numerous complaints to CO Jeff Panich and several days of surveillance on Drummond Island, CO Brett Gustafson, along with a detective from the Special Investigative Unit, observed two subjects illegally spearing walleye and pike on the Potagannissing River. The suspects were very surprised to see the officers, especially since they had even attempted to determine if they were on the island by making phone calls prior to beginning their illegal activity. Enforcement action taken.

COs Jeff Panich and Kevin Postma worked a smelt run patrol on the Carp River in Mackinac County which led to over 125 checks, resulting in numerous verbal warnings and two tickets - one for no fishing license and the other for no life jackets in a canoe.

CO Kevin Postma received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint in reference to an individual who shot a deer last deer season and then bought a license after the fact. CO Postma followed up with the individual and questioned him about the deer. The individual was adamant that he had a valid deer license when the deer was shot. The subject's story changed drastically when CO Postma showed him a picture of the dead deer and the subject that was time stamped prior to him purchasing the license. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Kevin Postma responded to a recreational trespass complaint and was able to interview both the complainant as well as the suspect. It was determined that the suspect had entered onto the complainant's property from the back side of the field through the woods. According to the suspect, he did not see any "No Trespassing" signs which would indicate that the property was private. The suspect could not explain why he didn't notice that the turkey he shot was standing in a mowed hay field on the other side of an old fence row. The complainant confirmed the kill site, as he had watched the entire incident transpire while he was enjoying his morning coffee the turkeys in his back yard. Charges are being sought through the Chippewa County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Bobby Watson was dispatched to a location where a subject had dumped a very large amount of household garbage on state land. After investigating the site further, a potential suspect was developed. The next day, contact was made with the subject who confessed to the violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken responded to a complaint of burning without a permit. The suspect admitted to burning the day before, leaving the fire burning while he was sleeping and then continuing to burn the next day even though he knew no burning permits were being issued anywhere in the state. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt handled several wildfires, issuing tickets for burning illegal materials, which were the cause of the wildfires.

CO Duane Budreau investigated a wildfire which escaped onto the neighbor's property and burned part of a house and 13 acres. A ticket was issued for allowing a fire to escape.

Another wildfire investigated by CO Budreau was the result of a subject burning garbage in a burn barrel without adequate precautions (no metal grate on top). Burning material blew out of the barrel and ignited nearby grass and brush. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Feagan investigated two wildfires originating from trash and brush burning. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff investigated a wildfire which burned one-half acre during a time when no burning permits were being issued. A ticket was issued for allowing a fire to escape.

CO Michael Feagan observed a man walking through the woods with a long gun. After making contact, CO Feagan found he was in possession of a .22 rifle, stating he was crow hunting. Unfortunately for him, crow season is closed. A ticket for hunting crow out of season was issued.

CO Steve Speigl was being shown areas of previous trespassing on a local farm when he and the farmer stumbled upon a trespassing hunter. CO Speigl and the farmer escorted the hunter off the property and enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt located several subjects fishing before the season on a closed trout stream. Tickets were issued and the angler was directed to a legal area to fish.

CO Andrea Albert caught several juveniles on a closed trout stream with a net and a spear. The net and spear were seized and parents contacted. For their consequence, a litter clean-up of the entire area was arranged.

CO Steve Speigl responded to a call where a turkey hunter watched two other hunters trespass on a neighboring property. After the two trespassing hunters shot at a turkey the hunter who watched the incident called the RAP hotline. A third party of the trespassers who was in a vehicle along the road yelled at the two hunters actively

trespassing to leave their gear and get out of the woods. CO Speigl, once on scene, collected evidence and is continuing the investigation.

CO Duane Budreau taught at a hunter safety class with approximately 45 participants.

While on sturgeon patrol on the Upper Black River, Sgt. Greg Drogowski found three anglers fishing in the spawning closure area. The spawning closure sign had been knocked down and the anglers didn't have a clue the river was closed to fishing. Warnings were given and the multiple walleye caught were returned to the river alive.

Conservation Officers in Area 3 have been responding to complaints of fires which have escaped, all of these have been on days where burn permits were not being given out.

CO Mark DePew received a complaint of a large explosion near Johannesburg which was heard in Gaylord. When he arrived at the location of the complaint he found the suspect was burning building trusses and other building materials. The suspect had been contacted before for the same violation and was charged with illegal disposal of building materials.

CO Mark DePew received information that a subject had shot a large nine point buck on November 30th and then bought his license after the fact. After interviewing the suspect he admitted to shooting the buck without a license and charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Tim Rosochacki received a complaint of 12 year olds snagging suckers at the 9th Street dam in Alpena. CO Rosochacki contacted the youths who were snagging the fish and then turned them over to their parents with a warning.

COs Tim Rosochacki and Brad Bellville contacted a 12 year old operating an unregistered ORV unsupervised and in a careless manner on state land. The officers contacted his parents at a camp and issued them a ticket for the unregistered ORV and warned them for the other violations.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint about an individual snagging a large number of suckers in the Devils River. The suspect left before the officer arrived, but the complainant was able to get his license plate. CO Webster contacted the suspect who admitted to snagging 60 suckers. He stated he had passed the officer when he was leaving the river and thought he got away with it, and that he knew it was wrong. He was ticketed for retaining the foul hooked fish.

CO Bill Webster contacted seven individuals who were netting suckers on Shupert's Creek in Alpena which has a spawning closure. CO Webster issued a ticket for netting suckers in the closed stream.

CO Bill Webster contacted a 12 year old operating a 4 wheeler unsupervised and took him back to his house to talk with his parents. Upon checking the youth's father through LEIN it was discovered he had a warrant for his arrest and was lodged on the warrant.

CO Bill Webster was the first on scene to a vehicle accident and discovered the driver was not breathing and did not have a pulse. CO Webster initiated CPR with the assistance of a volunteer fireman and continued it until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived on scene. The medical personnel took over and used an AED to resuscitate the driver and then transported him to the hospital.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint from a farmer that he had someone drive through his fields and yard on multiple occasions. CO Webster measured and took pictures of the vehicle tracks; he then checked the high school parking lot and found a vehicle that was a match. Upon talking to the owner of the vehicle he received a confession for driving through the farmer's field. CO Webster contacted the landowner who knew the suspect's parents and made arrangements to have them fix the damage.

DISTRICT 4

CO Jeff Ginn assisted the US Forest Service (USFS) with a fire in Newaygo County. The suspect was "off-roading" on National Forest land when he became stuck on a steep hill. The hot exhaust of the vehicle started a woods fire which completely burned the vehicle to the frame. Local fire departments and USFS firefighters responded to extinguish the blaze. The driver stated he had just purchased the vehicle and did not have insurance on it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn was on foot patrol along the Muskegon River when he detected the odor of marijuana. CO Ginn observed a group of anglers on shore cooking lunch and drinking alcohol. Upon making contact with the anglers the CO found one subject in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to assist the USFS on a wildfire. Upon arrival CO Ginn contacted the suspect who stated he was burning leaves along the shore line when the wind kicked up the fire catching the nearby woods on fire as well. This fire consumed a wooden staircase and the deck of adjacent property before fire crews could get the fire under control. No burning permits had been issued that day due to the extreme fire conditions. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren of Oceana County was checking a closed section of the north branch of the White River where CO Ben Shively also of Oceana County had discovered fishing rod holders a day earlier. As CO VanGelderren was approaching the stream he overheard voices along the stream and observed a subject with a spear and a steelhead on shore. He heard three voices along the stream and walked away from the river to call CO Shively to advise him on the activity. When CO VanGelderren returned, the subjects were gone. CO Shively was close to the area and located the vehicle just leaving the property. CO Shively conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and

interviewed the driver who produced four fresh steelhead fillets in a bag from the bed of the truck. CO Shively followed the subjects back to their property along the river and met CO VanGelderren. COs were able to obtain confessions from two of the subjects for fishing with the spear and taking the steelhead. Enforcement action is being taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County responded to an illegal burn caused by a subject burning household trash behind a barn. The trash caught the surrounding area on fire and the local fire department and DNR fire personnel had responded to put out the fire in the windy conditions. The subject was ticketed for allowing fire to escape and he was also educated on proper burning requirements.

CO Ben Shively was checking federal land along Carlton Creek and observed an ORV operating on a public roadway. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with operator. CO Shively followed the juvenile back to a residence and located a second ORV that was broken down on federal land. CO Shively transported the juvenile back to the residence along with the first ORV and contacted the parents. The parents stated that they normally keep the ORVs on their property but let the kids take them down to the power lines. CO Shively advised that he had found the first ORV over a mile away from the power lines. Both ORVs were unregistered and were being operated in a closed area. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Wells and Jeff Ginn responded to a call of a wildfire in a junk yard. After assisting local fire departments with scene security and traffic, both officers conducted investigations of the fire scene. It was determined by burn patterns that the point of ignition of the fire was a large fire pit containing what appeared to be household garbage illegally burned in an open manner. Witness interviews revealed two suspects and upon interview with one of these suspects an admission was attained that approximately 20 bags of household garbage was burned and that the fire escaped from the pit. This suspect stated that they attempted to extinguish the escaping fire but due to dry conditions and high winds their attempts failed. Both suspects fled the scene with a neighbor calling 911. One of the suspects admitted that he fled the scene due to multiple arrest warrants and that he did not want to go to jail. Upon locating and interviewing a second suspect, a report will be submitted to prosecutor's office regarding charges of burning without a permit, fail to prevent spread of fire, and leaving the scene of the fire. The fire was determined to be approximately five acres in size and approximately 200 tires that were on site were also burned and destroyed.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County was conducting surveillance on the Muskegon River and observed two anglers fishing from shore. CO Lebel was able to observe the anglers catch and keep walleye during the closed season. CO Lebel contacted the anglers and confirmed that one subject was on probation and in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken including lodging the one angler on the probation violation.

CO Sam Koscinski was flagged down by a member of the Winter Warriors Cadillac Area snowmobile club. The member stated the club was conducting their spring cleanup

along the snowmobile trail and came across a bucket with unknown contents along the side of the road. CO Koscinski responded to the location and determined that the contents were possibly a meth dump site. CO Koscinski contacted the local Traverse Narcotics Team (TNT) who responded and confirmed that it was a meth dump site and removed the hazard.

CO Sam Koscinski received a call from a DNR forester who located a subject on state land with a U-haul trailer filled with brand new automotive parts. The subject stated they were taking the parts to the scrap yard and then recycling the cardboard boxes. CO Koscinski contacted another local law enforcement agency to respond with him and it was determined that the subject was a suspect in a breaking & entering that had just occurred at an automotive store. There were two suspects involved in the incident; one fled when the forester arrived. A thorough investigation was conducted and both suspects were eventually located and lodged at the county jail.

COs Sean Kehoe and Richard Stowe responded to a complaint where a nuisance bear had disrupted a chicken coop. After talking with several of the neighbors, it appears the bear has been coming into the area frequently. Wildlife Division employees set a trap to capture the bear and relocate it in a less populated area.

CO Kyle Publiski was working illegal ORV activity in Lake County when a four wheeler came around a corner on an illegal trail, nearly striking his patrol vehicle. The operator was able to come to a stop prior to impact and CO Publiski addressed the careless operation and operation in a closed area.

CO Kyle Publiski was working an area where a significant amount of illegal ORV activity is occurring in Lake County when he encountered an operator driving carelessly on an illegal trail. When the operator saw CO Publiski's patrol vehicle, he attempted to evade the officer. CO Publiski simply followed his tracks back to a residence where he identified the driver and issued a ticket for operating in a closed area.

CO Kyle Publiski came upon a wetland in Lake County where a side-by-side ORV was stuck in a swamp. Three other ORVs were preparing to pull out their stuck friend when the CO arrived. All of the subjects claimed that they did not know it was illegal to operate in a wetland. CO Publiski advised them otherwise and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski had a four wheel ORV operator pull out in front of him onto the roadway. The operator was not wearing a helmet. CO Publiski followed the driver back to a residence, and while there, a second person pulled in the driveway on an ORV who also not wearing a helmet. CO Publiski spoke to the two operators about the violations, but also noticed a dead American robin lying in the driveway. The CO discovered that he was at the scene of a large "bachelor party" where there was an apparent lack of good judgment. A third person confessed to shooting the bird the day prior. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the trout opener on a local stream in Lake County, CO Josiah Killingbeck located unattended lines along the Little Manistee River. CO Killingbeck went to a camp that was associated with the lines only to find everyone sleeping. After waking the person who had left the pole, the angler advised that he was too drunk to reel his lines in and left them out all night. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Angela Greenway and Josiah Killingbeck responded to a fire in Osceola County. They determined that a leaf pile had escaped and continued to catch the adjacent parcel on fire, ultimately burning a garage and a portion of the neighbor's home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck responded to a fire where the owner of a newly purchased property was "cleaning up" the yard by burning it. The owner bought the property with the intention of improving it and figured the easiest way was to light it all on fire. When CO Killingbeck arrived he could see bags of old household garbage and insulation on fire. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking a "flies only" section of the Little Manistee River when he encountered an angler trespassing on private property. CO Killingbeck checked the angler and found that he was using live bait and had an overlimit of Brown Trout that were also undersized. CO Killingbeck seized the fish and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working the trout opener in Lake County when he came across an angler on the stream bank smoking marijuana. CO Killingbeck approached the subject and the angler quickly closed the burning cigarette in his tackle box. CO Killingbeck ascertained that although the angler possessed a medical marijuana card, he was using it in a public area, prohibited by law. The CO also discovered that the angler did not have a fishing license. The angler disclosed that his driving privileges were suspended and that once he was dropped off at the river he did not have a ride to go and purchase a license. CO Killingbeck advised that perhaps he should purchase his license beforehand next time so he would not have this problem again, as a DNR prior check revealed that he had received a ticket for fishing without a license a few years ago. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Jason McCullough was recently patrolling an area of state land that had been suffering ongoing damage from mudder trucks. CO McCullough arrived in time to watch four mudder trucks operating off-road contrary to state land regulations. Upon contact, it was also discovered that two of the operators were without valid registrations or valid insurance. CO McCullough took enforcement action.

CO Jason McCullough located a large pile of construction debris on state land in a rural location of Clare County. The pile contained empty boxes of vinyl siding and packaging that once contained roofing shingles. CO McCullough took a count of how many

packages/containers of each different building material he found, along with particulars such as the color of shingles. He contacted the local building supply center and with their cooperation, was able to match a recent sale that matched exactly the number of packages/container found. Once the sales invoice was located, CO McCullough was able to track down a local contractor for an interview. After a short game of blaming others, the contractor eventually admitted responsibility for the dumping. Enforcement action was taken and the pile of construction material was cleaned up by the suspect.

CO Mark Papineau was contacted by the Clare County Sheriff's Department in regard to a subject who had posted a possible over limit of walleye on social media. Further investigation revealed photographs of at least two different bucks harvested during the 2014 deer season, along with numerous fish photographs. After checking license purchases, CO Papineau discovered that the subject purchased his deer license after the deer were killed and that the subject never purchased a fishing license. In all, the subject had illegally harvested a six point, an eight point, and 10 point buck during the season. Numerous warrants were issued by the Clare County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Phil Hudson, Mark Papineau and Jason McCullough recently worked a group patrol to protect the spawning walleye in Arenac County. During the patrol, officers staked out an area of the river that tends to hold large numbers of the protected fish. During surveillance, officers watched a group of anglers that were catching both suckers and walleyes. There was a very noticeable difference in how the different species were handled when caught. It seems the suckers went into a bucket that stayed with the anglers. However, whenever a walleye was caught, one of the anglers would take the fish and run back to where their car was parked. When contact was made, the group of anglers told the officers that all incidental walleye had been returned to the river. However, when they were advised that several walleye were found under their vehicle, the story changed and they knew their bluff had been called. The walleye were seized and enforcement action was taken for illegal take of walleye during the closed season.

CO Phil Hudson was working local streams in an attempt to protect spawning walleye in Arenac County recently when he noticed a lone angler in a remote area of the stream. CO Hudson's surveillance paid off as he watched the angler catch a walleye and hide it in the nearby grass. After checking to see if anyone was looking, the angler took the fish back to the area where his vehicle was parked. Since he was currently on the opposite side of the river, CO Hudson contacted a local deputy to lend him some assistance. The deputy was able to contact the angler while CO Hudson made his way to the other side of the river. Upon contact, the angler informed CO Hudson that he had caught a few fish but had thrown them all back into the river. Upon further questioning, the angler admitted that he had kept 'only one' walleye. CO Hudson followed the angler back to his vehicle where the angler cautiously opened the truck capper, trying not to open it completely, and quickly reached in and pulled out a single walleye. Further investigation by CO Hudson produced an additional walleye along with a bass. The officer seized all three illegal fish and issued a ticket for taking fish during the closed season.

While patrolling state land in rural Gladwin County, CO Mark Papineau was nearly struck head-on by an ORV operating in a prohibited area. The ORV was being operated at a high rate of speed around a blind corner at the time of the incident. Due to the high speeds and the rough terrain, the operator nearly lost control when he applied his brakes. The operator appeared surprised to see the officer in the remote area. Officer Papineau took enforcement action to address the multiple violations.

While working ORVs on state land, CO John Huspen located two subjects operating in a closed area. The subjects were creating erosive conditions while climbing hills and were not wearing helmets. During the investigation it was also discovered neither ORV were licensed. CO Huspen was able to identify both subjects and was advised by dispatchers that one of the subjects had an outstanding warrant. CO Huspen advised the subject with the warrant and the subject was able to post bond. Enforcement action was taken on the ORV violations.

CO Mike Hearn, along with Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department deputies, responded to an ORV personal injury accident that occurred on state land during a sanctioned motorcycle enduro race. It was determined that the victim was traveling too fast on the single track trail, lost control and struck a tree. The victim was transported to Munson Hospital in Traverse City for multiple broken bones in his leg.

CO Mike Hearn assisted local agencies with the search of a vehicle that was involved in a hit and run accident. The vehicle was observed fleeing the scene and then turning onto a two track that goes into a large area of state land in Kalkaska County. Knowing the two track system and the limited "exit roads," CO Hearn was able to locate the vehicle within a short period upon arrival on scene. The suspect fled on foot prior to the officer's arrival. The vehicle was turned over to the Michigan State Police (MSP) for evidence in their investigation.

CO Chris Bowen checked multiple suspects fishing on a closed stream in Roscommon County. CO Bowen found one subject fishing without a license and who also had his fishing rights revoked due to prior convictions. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen responded to and assisted local police departments with a domestic violence call at the same location two days in a row.

CO Chris Bowen received a complaint that two subjects were cutting wood illegally in Roscommon County. CO Bowen patrolled the area and was able to locate one of the vehicles involved with this incident. The suspect did not have a Fuelwood Permit and had been cutting standing trees. Enforcement action was taken and CO Bowen continues to look for the second suspect.

CO Brian Olsen responded to a fire that spread from a burn barrel. The subject who lit the fire had gone inside to talk with a friend and when he returned the fire had spread to his neighbor's yard. The fire moved across the yard and eventually burned the siding off the neighbor's house. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Warren MacNeill was checking a closed trout stream in Alcona County when he observed an angler attempting to snag steelhead. CO MacNeill watched the man for quite some time as he continued to fish and call his friends on the cell phone to come join him. When CO MacNeill contacted the subject, the angler attempted to tell him that another local CO had informed him that the creek was open to fishing. When CO MacNeill informed him that he was the only "local CO," the angler began to get angry. He threw his fishing pole in CO MacNeill's direction and it broke. The subject said, "You are just going to take my fishing pole anyway so who cares!" CO MacNeill informed the angler that he didn't want his broken fishing pole and it needed to be picked up or he would also be ticketed for littering. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell was checking angler activity at Foote Dam and observed a subject casting up into the apron area, which is closed to fishing. CO Russell watched the angler continue to fish for approximately 30 minutes until he finally decided to make contact with him. Further investigation revealed that the subject had three outstanding warrants for his arrest from multiple counties. He was arrested and lodged in the Iosco County Jail.

Sgt. Brandon Kieft was patrolling small creek areas in Iosco County one week prior to the opening season for trout fishing when he encountered a vehicle along Smith Creek. After checking the vehicle and noticing fishing gear, Sgt. Kieft located the angler with a large steelhead in his possession. Enforcement action was taken. The steelhead had just been caught, so it was released.

DISTRICT 6

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Larn Strawn was contacted by Isabella County Dispatch and requested to respond to a forest fire scene. The CO was advised an intoxicated subject was interfering with the responding fire officers who were attempting to fight the blaze. After arriving on scene, the CO was able to locate and interview the intoxicated suspect. The man admitted to intentionally setting the fire. The CO arrested the man for igniting a forest fire.

While investigating a RAP complaint, CO Larn Strawn contacted a subject who allegedly killed a seven point buck with no license during the winter muzzleloader season. The CO previously conducted an investigation into the tip and confirmed the subject indeed had not purchased a buck license. Additionally, the CO located a picture of the subject posing with the buck posted to social media online. During the contact and interview the subject admitted to killing the buck with no license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg patrolled the Tittabawassee River the night before the walleye opener. The CO figured that there may be a few anglers attempting to take walleye early. The CO was right, and made contact with eight anglers who were casting illegal lures before the walleye season opened. One of the anglers saw the CO come around the bend and attempted to bite off his line. The CO ordered the angler to put his pole

down. The angler did but was able to bite the line first. When the angler set his pole down he gave it a big jerk first to make sure the line went through the last eye of the pole and into the water. Unfortunately for the angler, the CO saw the end of the line swirling in the water and went in and got it. The CO pulled in about 30 yards of line with an illegal lure on the end of it. Tickets were issued.

On the opening day of the walleye season CO Joel Lundberg worked the Tittabawassee River. The CO made contact with hundreds of anglers and through his investigations and interviews determined that a number of them took overlimits. Two of the anglers took limits of walleye in the morning and came back in the afternoon and took more walleye. A third angler took a limit in the morning and came back two more times for walleye. All were issued tickets for taking overlimits of walleye.

CO Joel Lundberg was patrolling the Tittabawassee River on the second day of the walleye opener when he made contact with an angler who appeared to be very nervous. After several more questions the CO suspected that the angler had taken a limit of walleye earlier in the day and was now working on a second or third limit. Sgt. Ron Kimmerly assisted the CO by checking the suspect's residence. Right next to the driveway the Sgt. found 17 walleye that had already been filleted. There was also a cooler that was filled with water but no fish. It turns out that the son had removed the walleye from the cooler after he received a call from his dad, the suspect that CO Lundberg was dealing with. The suspect was issued a ticket for the overlimit of walleye.

Sgts. Ron Kimmerly and Tony Soave worked a public access site along the Tittabawassee River on the walleye opener. While Sgt. Kimmerly hid in the woods and wrote down all the information on the boats leaving the water before noon, Sgt. Soave was posing as an angler on the bank. Later in the afternoon the Sgts. kept track of all the boats that came back to fish a second time. The plates and boat MC numbers were run through LEIN and the Sgts. decided to focus on four suspects who all had prior arrests for walleye violations. Later that evening two of the suspects finally came in. When contacted they both had a limit of five walleye. The investigation concluded that each also took five in the morning. Each of the suspects had six prior fish and game arrests, including overlimits of walleye. The suspects advised that this time they have learned their lesson. Tickets were issued.

CO Will Brickel received a complaint of a turkey being shot from a motor vehicle several days earlier. A plate number was obtained from a possible suspect vehicle and it was called in two days after the incident had occurred. The CO obtained an address of the possible suspect and after a short interview, obtained a confession. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Saginaw County, CO Will Brickel was watching a group of anglers fishing from the shore and determined that they were fishing with artificial lures during a closed season on the Saginaw River. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on the Tittabawassee River, COs Will Brickel and Chad Foerster witnessed several individuals throwing litter into the river from their boat. Contact was made and tickets were issued. The anglers then floated downstream and picked up all the litter out of the water.

While on patrol at Gordonville launch, CO Will Brickel made contact with many individuals who were coming off the river for the walleye opener. The CO made contact with one individual and discovered that he had been out fishing three separate times that day and had taken an overlimit of walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Saginaw County river system, COs Will Brickel and Quincy Gowenlock were checking anglers along the Flint River. CO Brickel observed an individual fishing from shore who suddenly packed up his fishing gear when he noticed anglers getting checked for licenses. The angler tried to hide in a nearby residence. Contact was made with several other anglers along the shore and the hiding angler was promptly given up by his fishing partner and co-worker. The individual hiding did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Joel Lundberg received a complaint of subjects fishing on the Tittabawassee River and possibly snagging and keeping fish prior to the walleye season opener. The COs responded and located four subjects fishing along the river behind several homes. Upon contact, the COs observed a bucket containing three walleyes. When asked to see their fishing licenses the anglers advised they were on private property and did not need them. After a brief lecture on the laws, the anglers were told to reel in their lines. As the lines came in it was noted that all the anglers were using artificial lures during the spawning closure. When asked if they knew the regulations regarding the closures, they admitted to having knowledge of the illegal bait and that it was also unlawful to keep walleye. The anglers were then all issued tickets for the violations and the fish were confiscated.

COs Chad Foerster and Will Brickel worked the Freeland Walleye Festival on the Tittabawassee River for the walleye opener. As they were in their patrol vessel following a boat suspected of taking an overlimit, one of the anglers began throwing garbage over the side of their boat nearly striking the COs' patrol vessel. During contact with the suspect vessel, the COs witnessed another vessel along shore throw a large piece of trash from their boat onto shore. Contact was also made with the occupants of this vessel. Enforcement action was taken for both incidents.

COs Chad Foerster and Will Brickel were working one of the local launches on the Tittabawassee River during the walleye opener checking numerous boats as they came in. During one of the contacts, the COs found all occupants in possession of their daily walleye limits. During conversations with them, it was determined that one of the anglers had fished earlier in the day on the Saginaw Bay also getting his limit of five fish, making this trip illegal. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a recent Belle Isle shift, CO Kyle Bucholtz located three subjects fishing. When asked, one of the subjects stated he caught a few perch. CO Bucholtz asked to see the fish and the subject partially opened a bucket near his fishing gear. When CO Bucholtz asked the subject to open the bucket top completely, CO Bucholtz observed a smallmouth bass in the bucket. The bass was taken out of season and was also undersized. The subject stated he knew he had likely broken the law when he kept the fish. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Scott Brown and Kyle Bucholtz were working the walleye opener on the Saginaw River when they contacted two anglers in a boat that just pulled out at the launch. Upon checking the limit of fish they said they caught, CO Bucholtz found the two anglers in possession of 12 walleye, two over their limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Seth Rhodea and Josh Wright contacted two anglers fishing in Bay County. When the anglers were asked for their fishing licenses, neither were able to produce a valid fishing license and one angler said he didn't need one since he was just going to release any fish he caught. Both anglers were educated on fishing license laws and ticketed for fishing without a license.

COs Bob Hobkirk and Seth Rhodea worked the Flint River in Saginaw County during the opening weekend of walleye season. Numerous anglers were contacted with most having decent success. Tickets were issued to two anglers for keeping bass during the closed season and another angler for an overlimit of walleye.

COs Seth Rhodea and Jason A. Smith worked together to monitor a stream in Sanilac County where spawning steelhead are often illegally taken. CO Smith watched one group of anglers for several hours before he and CO Rhodea made contact with them as they were leaving. The anglers had a speared steelhead trout in their possession and were ticketed for taking it illegally.

DISTRICT 7

CO Greg Patten responded to a RAP complaint where subjects were cutting live trees for firewood on USFS lands in Muskegon County. After additional follow up, he patrolled the location late one day to find two persons cutting, splitting and loading firewood without required permits and at the time were actively cutting live trees for personal use. Tickets were issued at the scene and information will be turned over to USFS enforcement officers.

CO Greg Patten located a truck leaving a closed trail on USFS lands where the driver was recovering a tree stand without a name that remained after the season. CO Patten ticketed this individual for the tree stand violations and will turn over information to the USFS for the illegal operation of the vehicle.

CO Greg Patten and Sgt. John Jurcich addressed young hunters attending a mentoring workshop held in advance of the Muskegon Wastewater turkey hunt weekend.

Fourteen young hunters were able to learn hunting and calling techniques, meet with Wildlife Division staff, pattern shotguns and spend time with their mentors prior to the hunt weekend.

CO Chris Simpson had several contacts with illegal ORV operators in Muskegon and Oceana Counties recently. In one case, four family members including an eight year old were operating on a county road without helmets or ORV licenses when encountered. Enforcement action was taken with numerous warnings for many violations. In another incident, two operators were detained near Carelton Creek after they were found in an illegal area, without ORV licenses or helmets and one of the drivers was currently suspended. Two tickets and numerous warnings were issued to the operators by CO Simpson.

CO Chris Simpson encountered a three wheel ATV crossing a county road leaving USFS lands in Oceana County. The CO found the operator was suspended, and had no helmet or ORV license. Enforcement action was taken and the vehicle removed from the area.

CO Dave Rodgers responded to the scene of a brush fire started by a person not attending a leaf fire at the edge of a residential yard. Two hours after the initial leaf burn, a fire rekindled and spread to portions of the Lowell State Game Area (SGA), eventually growing to 27 acres before DNR fire crews contained the fire.

CO Dave Rodgers continues to work the Sixth Street Dam area in Grand Rapids in response to complaints of foul hooked fish being retained. Two tickets were issued for fishing without licenses.

COs Ivan Perez and BJ Goulette attended a community event held in Ottawa County called Day of the Young Child. The officers met with children and adults at this community event.

COs Ivan Perez, BJ Goulette and Sgt. John Jurcich assisted with a hunter safety class held for approximately 60 students from Grand Haven High School held recently at the North Ottawa Gun Club.

CO BJ Goulette was at the right location when Ottawa County Dispatch sent out a report of a Criminal Sexual Conduct/Family Dispute. CO Goulette was quickly at the residence to take into custody an individual being held who had just committed a sex crime at the residence. Responding deputies arrived to take over the investigation and transport the suspect to jail.

CO Cary Foster investigated a RAP complaint in Ionia County of a raccoon taken from a hollow tree with an explosive device. An investigation and interview resulted in a confession to taking the animal during the closed season with a firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten responded to a 911 call of a local fire department in Muskegon County that was at the scene of an escaped trash fire where the homeowner was hindering firefighters. CO Patten arrived and investigated a trash fire that had been burned without a permit and had spread to adjoining woodlands. After establishing additional details, CO Patten ticketed the property owner for burning without a permit and allowing fire to escape.

After leaving the fire scene, a vehicle passed CO Greg Patten in a "No Passing Zone" and this action prompted a traffic stop. Computer records indicated the operator of the vehicle was a suspended driver and he was ticketed for the offense at the scene.

CO BJ Goulette was on patrol in Ottawa County in response to continued ORV complaints and illegal ORV activity in the Bass River Recreation Area. Making numerous contacts, he ticketed two persons for operation in the roadway while issuing warnings for no ORV licenses, helmets violations and riding double.

CO Chris Holmes observed a vehicle parked near a Kalamazoo County trout stream on the opening day of trout season. CO Holmes hid his vehicle from sight and walked into the woods waiting for the angler to return. CO Holmes observed a subject with several trout on a stringer fishing the stream, and waited for the subject to make contact with him. The subject had four undersized trout in a bag inside his vehicle. The subject was ticketed for the violation.

CO Michael Mshar received a RAP complaint of a subject keeping walleye out of season. CO Mshar responded to the area and observed several bank anglers fishing on the Kalamazoo River. Contact was made with the anglers who stated they did not have any fish. CO Mshar searched the area and located a large walleye in a bag hidden under a bridge in the rocks. The subject then admitted to catching and keeping the fish. The subject stated he did not know the season wasn't open. The subject asked CO Mshar for a current fishing guide so he did not make the same mistake again. The fish was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Mshar was patrolling in the Allegan SGA when he encountered a golf cart being operated very carelessly on the county roadway. Upon stopping the vehicle, CO Mshar observed that the adult driver had a small child on his lap who was steering the golf cart and another small child sitting backwards on the rear of the cart. The subject was very upset with CO Mshar for being stopped. At one point the child on the back of the golf cart asked his grandfather why he was talking that way to a police officer. The subject later apologized for his behavior. The subjects and golf cart were escorted home and enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Mshar received a RAP complaint of subjects who were trespassing and fishing on a closed trout stream. CO Mshar responded and was able to contact both subjects. Both individuals stated that they did not know whose property they were on and that they thought the trout season was already open. One of the subjects also

advised that he had not yet purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

COs Michael Mshar and Chuck Towns were contacted by a Sgt. with the Allegan County Sheriff's Department in reference to a complaint of shots fired. CO Mshar was advised that the officers were parked near the Todd Farm goose refuge when they heard two gunshots. COs Mshar and Towns responded to the area and contacted two subjects who had stopped along the roadside and had shined and shot a deer which was bedded down inside the wildlife refuge. The subjects stated that they believed the deer to be injured and didn't want it to suffer. CO Mshar asked the subjects if they had entered the wildlife refuge. Both subjects proudly announced that they did not even get out of the car. One subject stated he shot out the window and the other stated he held the light. The firearm and deer were seized and enforcement action was taken.

After receiving information about possible turkey bait, CO Steve Mooney and Sgt. Zach Doss checked the location prior to the turkey opener and located a baited location with a pop up blind. On the opener of the season, CO Mooney and Sgt. Doss returned before daylight and began surveillance in the rain without the hunter showing up. Plans were subsequently made for surveillance by the area and COs Mooney, Andy Bauer, Jeff Robinette and Sgt. Doss collectively worked 104 hours of surveillance. On Saturday, COs Mooney and Bauer conducted surveillance at the location and a subject showed up and shot a turkey over the bait pile. An invited guest shot the turkey within 10 yards of the large bait pile, which was clearly visible. Interviews were conducted and the landowner was interviewed and admitted to being involved in placing the bait and helping his guest set up a decoy over the bait. Charges included taking a turkey with the aid of bait, failing to tag the turkey and aid/abet the taking of the turkey with the aid of bait.

CO Brad Brewer made contact with an ORV being operated on a public roadway. The operator and his young son were riding on the road without wearing helmets and did not have any type of ORV license. Enforcement action was taken for riding on the roadway and warnings issued for the other violations.

CO Andy Bauer was checking boats returning to the St. Joseph boat launch for fishing limit compliance, and subsequently observed a 24 ft. boat violate the slow, no-wake zone in the river. When the boat reached the launch and the operator began to load the boat on the trailer, the operator proceeded to power load the boat with almost full horsepower. The operator was contacted and issued a ticket for the power loading violation and warned regarding the slow, no-wake zone.

DISTRICT 8

While checking anglers, CO Rich Nickols checked a subject who did not have his license with him, and a file check revealed he had an outstanding warrant. CO Nickols arrested the subject, who did have a fishing license, and lodged him at the Eaton County Jail.

CO Rich Nickols received a turkey trespass complaint from Clinton County Central Dispatch on his pass day. CO Nickols was able to speak with the deputy and have him secure the evidence for follow up the next day. It was determined that the subject had shot a turkey and the bird flew away. The subject thought he had missed and went to investigate when he saw another turkey and shot that one. That turkey flew onto neighboring property and died. The subject retrieved it without permission and his actions were observed by the landowner. As the subject went back to his blind, he found the original turkey he had shot that was mortally wounded. The landowner called 911 to report the trespass and when the deputy arrived the subject was in possession of both turkeys. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds followed up on a deer carcass littering complaint in which the suspect lives out of state. Once the officer located the area, he found several dumped carcasses on the property. Upon looking through some of the other debris, the CO found a credit card receipt. An investigation will be conducted to find the subject and enforcement action will be taken.

CO Chris Reynolds investigated a complaint where a subject shot two turkeys. The beards and fans were cut off, then dumped behind a storage shed behind the hotel where the subject was staying. Information has been obtained on the subject and an interview has been arranged with the CO in the area where the subject lives.

CO Matt Page followed up on a complaint of littering where a subject threw two buck heads onto private property leaving a 2013 tag attached to one of the antlers. CO Page tracked down the address and spoke with a female who stated that the male subject that the tag belonged to was not home; however she knew how the eight point and six point got onto private property. When asked, the female stated that she was mad at her boyfriend so she decided the best way to get back at him was to get rid of his antlers. She was issued a ticket for littering and informed on the proper methods to dispose of game and trash.

CO Matt Page conducted surveillance on a group of anglers fishing a local river. After observing all but one subject in the group fishing, CO Page made contact with the group. When asked for licenses, two of the subjects stated that they were not fishing. When advised that they were observed for a period of time they stated that they cast for the other subjects a couple times but weren't fishing. CO Page checked license purchase history and found that one of the subjects had purchased a resident fishing license every year until they moved out of state and decided that they no longer needed to purchase licenses. When asked why they didn't purchase a license the subject stated because they were too expensive and they didn't have time. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mike Drexler responded to a complaint where a witness observed a subject shoot and kill two swans. Waterford Township Police Officers were first on scene and started the investigation by obtaining witness statements and securing the deceased swans. CO Drexler and a Waterford Township Police Officer interviewed the suspect who initially denied killing the swans, but eventually confessed to shooting both swans with a pellet gun. The pellet gun was seized and the case is being forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office.

CO David Schaumburger checked an angler who said he had caught a pike. The angler thought it was long enough but stated he did not have anything to measure the fish with. When CO Schaumburger examined the fish, it was actually a tiger musky, not a pike like the angler thought. The fish measured 20 inches short of legal size. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Commerce Township, CO Jason Becker came across an ATV rider operating without a helmet in an area closed to ATVs. While running a check on the subject through LEIN, six more ATVs approached CO Becker. CO Becker was able to stop all of the ATVs, none of which had ORV stickers. CO Becker addressed the helmet, sticker, and operating in a closed area violations, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was patrolling Proud Lake Recreation Area for anglers. As CO Becker pulled into the boat launch, there was an angler approaching the dock. CO Becker asked to see the man's fishing license and he was handed a hunter safety certificate. CO Becker ran the subject through LEIN and found the man did not have a current fishing license. The man was also operating his boat without any kind of flotation device. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Becker and Richard Cardenas worked the trout opener together at Proud Lake Recreation Area. There were many anglers catching limits of trout and many positive contacts were made. CO Becker contacted one angler who had not measured his limit of fish and had one trout too many that was larger than fifteen inches. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Highland Recreation Area, CO Jason Becker came across three vehicles parked in a peculiar location. CO Becker followed the trail into the woods to find four subjects who had set up camp in the Recreation Area. They also had a large fire burning in an area covered in tall dead grass. CO Becker had the subjects extinguish the fire and pack up their camp. CO Becker explained the danger the fire posed and that they could not set up camp in that location. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was checking anglers fishing along the Clinton River near Yates Cider Mill in Rochester Hills. During CO Cardenas's patrol he located two anglers fishing and observed them for approximately 30 minutes before making contact. It was

found that one of the anglers did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith received a complaint of anglers keeping bass out of season at a location in Washtenaw County. CO Smith responded to the location and located the anglers. CO Smith asked if the anglers had caught any fish and they stated that they had not. Further investigation revealed an 18 inch Largemouth Bass in a small cooler underneath a nearby picnic table. The owner of the cooler stated that he forgot about the fish being in there. Later, he changed his story and advised he was just holding onto it to show a friend. The angler also did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith was patrolling the Huron River in Washtenaw County when he encountered an angler that did not have his fishing license on him. CO Smith checked with Station 20 and learned that the angler indeed had a license but he also had a warrant for his arrest. CO Smith arrested the angler and lodged him in the county jail.

CO Jason Smith and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth gave several warnings and ticketed anglers for fishing without licenses and overlimit of white bass during patrols along the Huron River during the week.

COs Mark Ennett, Dan Walzak, Chris Knights and Jason Smith worked a group patrol at the Bolles Harbor access site conducting dockside charter boat inspections. Between inspections, the COs checked anglers and boaters that were returning to the dock. During these checks the COs discovered overlimits of white bass and channel catfish and one PFD violation. Seven tickets were issued.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint of baiting for turkeys, and when he checked the area, found a subject hunting from a ground blind. Out in front of the blind, approximately 150 cobs of corn were placed around two turkey decoys. The subject stated that he was feeding deer. CO Kiel informed the hunter that he could not hunt turkeys over "deer" bait and was to clean up the corn and hunt somewhere else. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol CO Kris Kiel and Sgt. Todd Szyska observed an ORV operating on the roadway in Harrison Township. The operator of the ORV upon seeing the marked unit drove down a dirt side street and the COs followed. Upon the officers activating the lights and sirens of the patrol unit the ORV operator pulled over. The operator of the ORV was operating on the roadway, had no helmet, and had an expired ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

During a group patrol to focus on walleye violations that have been coming in through several different channels, Sgt. Dan Bigger and CO Jeremy Beavers were able to belly crawl to a vantage point and observe a group of anglers in the complaint area. Although the anglers caught some walleye, they did release them and were only

keeping legal species. Upon being checked, they were shocked that the officers knew what they had caught and were thankful for their efforts.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers fishing from shore at the Kearsley Reservoir in Flint. During a check of two subjects, CO Beavers discovered they were fishing without valid fishing licenses. CO Beavers asked the anglers why they do not have licenses; they responded they did not have a valid excuse and were being cheap. Enforcement action was taken

During a foot patrol of the Holloway Dam in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked multiple anglers fishing from both the north and south sides of the dam. When one angler noticed CO Beavers, he dropped his pole and quickly walked away. CO Beavers made contact with the subject and asked for his fishing license. The angler stated he did not have a license. During the check, the angler went on to say he has not purchased a license in three years and was risking it. Enforcement action was taken.

During a check of anglers at the Stanley Road fishing access site on the Holloway Reservoir, CO Jeremy Beavers contacted two subjects who were fishing without licenses. During the check of the anglers, it was discovered that both subjects had warrants for their arrest. The first subject had a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear. It was also discovered that he had two prior DNR violations for snagging. The second subject had a felony warrant for drug possession and was turned over to MSP on the warrant. Enforcement action was taken for the other violations.

During a fisheries patrol in support of the opening of the walleye season, CO Jeremy Beavers made contact with a subject fishing from shore at the Kearsley Reservoir in Flint. During a check of the subject it was discovered that he did not have a fishing license. The subject stated he knew he was supposed to have one but had yet to purchase it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers fishing along the Flint River near M-15 in Richfield Township. During a check of one angler, the subject was unable to locate his fishing license. CO Beavers asked if he was sure he had one because it could be confirmed through dispatch. The subject stated he did and then CO Beavers asked when it was purchased. The subject stated he believed it was purchased in August. CO Beavers then explained if it was indeed purchased in August then it was no longer valid. CO Beavers explained that the license would have expired on March 31. The subject was informed that the expiration date is clearly marked on the license and it is outlined in the fishing guide. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Saykham Keophalychanh continues to follow up on walleye and other complaints. Special attention was given to late night patrols on the Flint River in the area of Atwood Stadium. Enforcement efforts in this area have been noticed as there are fewer complaints being reported.

BELLE ISLE

COs Lacelle Rabon, Kris Kiel, Mike Drexler and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked a traffic detail on Belle Isle on Saturday night that encompassed having to close the MacArthur Bridge down on both directions intermittently for an HBO film crew, filming their series "Togetherness" that had obtained the proper permits to shoot film scenes on the bridge. The multiple closures made a few citizens irate, but no major incidents occurred.

CO Chris Reynolds worked a Belle Isle first shift. The Isle is becoming busy with anglers, with all checked having fishing licenses. Some newcomers to the Island are still confused with the one way streets; warnings have been given for travelling the wrong way.

COs Matt Page and Mike Drexler assisted a young boy who had been wandering around Belle Isle for approximately 30 minutes without supervision. When asked for a description of his parents he stated that his mother was pushing his two sisters around in a stroller. CO Page remembered seeing an individual pushing two children in a stroller and the female had red hair. When asked if his mother had red hair the boy stated that he "thinks so." CO Page located the female who was indeed the boy's mother a few miles away on the other side of the island. She stated that the boy was supposed to be with his dad. Eventually the father was located who stated that the boy was running the island with his older brothers who left him behind. All parties were talked to and advised on how badly this incident could have turned out as the boy was near the bridge and could have wandered into downtown Detroit.

CO Shane Webster was patrolling Belle Isle when he noted a vehicle being operated with an expired registration. CO Webster made a traffic stop of the vehicle and found the operator had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Bond was taken ensuring the operator would be appearing in court to face those charges.

CO Shane Webster was stopped at a red light as he was leaving Belle Isle when he observed a vehicle drive through the signal. A traffic stop was made and it was discovered the operator had six outstanding warrants for failing to appear on traffic offenses. Bond was taken to ensure the subject would attend his scheduled court appearance.

CO Carl VanderWall worked Belle Isle for several shifts without incident. The CO received several "thank you" comments from citizens for DNR LED efforts in curtailing unlawful activity, making it a safe place again where they feel comfortable bringing their families.